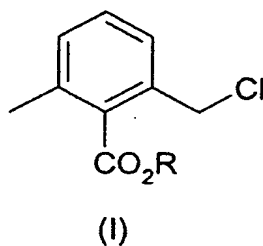


## Abstract:

## Synthesis of 2-chloromethyl-6-methylbenzoic esters

- 5 A process is described for preparing compounds of formula (I)



- 10 where R is H, optionally halogen-substituted alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, alkyl-aryl or heteroaryl, and, in alkyl and cycloalkyl, one or more CH<sub>2</sub> groups may be replaced by -O-. The compounds of the formula (I) are valuable intermediates in the synthesis of PPAR agonists.